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TAGS PGOV MARR CA

SUBJ MUNICIPAL VEHICLE TAX

REF STJOHNS 247

FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM GOOSE AB 10/9/75 (UNNECESSARY WORDS OMITTED): QUOTE. STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE THIS STATION WAS NOTIFIED ON 8 OCT 75 BY TOWN MANAGER, MR. WILLIAM SPRUIN, THAT HE WAS IN RECEIPT OF FOLLOWING MESSAGE: INNER QUOTE. TO MAYOR JIM KELLAND, TOWN COUNCIL OFFICE, HAPPY VALLEY, LABRADOR/ HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT YOUR COUNCIL PROCEEDING WITH COURT ACTION AGAINST AMERICAN PERSONNEL RE PAYMENT OF VEHICLE TAX CONTRARY TO LEGAL ADVICE RECEIVED FROM DEPT OF JUSTICE AND CONTAINED IN TELEGRAM FROM THIS DEPT, DATE OCTOBER THIRD. IN OPINION OF DEPT OF JUSTICE MEMBERS OF USAF ARE EXEMPT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE TAX UNDER

PROVISIONS OF NATO AGREEMENT. MORE DETAILED EXPLANATION BEING FORWARDED TO YOU BY LETTER. I FIND IT DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND DECISION OF COUNCIL TO PROCEED WITH COURT ACTION IN ABSENCE OF ANY LEGAL OPINION TO CONTRARY. IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND IN BEST INTERESTS OF MUNICIPALITY AND PROVINCE, I CONSIDER THIS TO BE IMPROPER BEHAVIOUR ON PART OF COUNCIL AND UNDER PROVISIONS OF DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND HOUSING ACT. I THEREFORE DIRECT YOUR COUNCIL  
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NOT TO PROCEED WITH COURT ACTION IN THIS MATTER. SIGNED

BRIAN BECKFORD, MINISTER OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND  
HOUSING.) END INNER QUOTE.

TOWN COUNCIL MET ON EVENING OF 10/8/75 AND AGREED TO  
IMMEDIATELY WITHDRAW ALL SUMMONSES ISSUED TO USAF PERSONNEL  
AND DEPENDENTS WITH RESPECT TO VEHICLE TAX. LETTER TO THAT  
EFFECT WAS RECEIVED BY SJA THIS STATION ON 9 OCT 75.

THIS OFFICE CONSIDERS THE SUBJECT CLOSED.

SIGNED 95TH SW GOOSE BAY APRT. END QUOTE.  
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